

SOLANUM TUBEROSUM. (Solanaceae.) 31275. Tubers of a potato from Paraguay. Presented by Dr. Moises S. Bertoni, Estacion Agronomica, Puerto Bertoni, Paraguay. "Variety guaraniticum." For distribution later.

SPHENOSTYLIS STENOCARPA. (Fabaceae.) 31194. Seeds from Amani, German East Africa. Presented by Prof. Dr. A. Zimmermann, Director, Royal Agricultural Institute. "This is a legume, which forms edible tubers, and which is cultivated by the natives in the region of Tabora. The tubers taste similar to potatoes." (Zimmermann.) For distribution later.

ULLUCUS TUBEROSUS. (Basellaceae.) 31198-202. Tubers from the Province of Juaaja, Junin, Peru. Presented by Mr. James Arthur Furlong, Perené Colony, Peru. "These tubers grew at an elevation of about 12,000 feet in poor and stony soil, worked with wooden ploughs. The Ullucus are planted in drills like potatoes, after which they are moulded and worked with hoes." (Furlong.) For distribution later.

UNDETERMINED. (Passifloraceae.) 31207. Seeds from Montevideo, Uruguay. Presented by Mr. Frederic W. Goding, American Consul. "This fruit, indigenous to Uruguay, is called the 'Viricuya'. It is a long climbing perennial vine, which is found only in forests along the margins of streams. The fruit, which is ripe here about the first of April, is similar in shape and size to a lemon. The skin is of a lovely orange yellow, smooth and shining. The interior is filled with a most luscious syrup-like juice, with a flavor peculiar to itself, but most satisfactory to the taste, and also a large number of seeds resembling those found in the passion fruit." (Goding.) For distribution later.

UNDETERMINED. 31326. Seeds from Chile. Received through Mr. José D. Husbands, Limavida, Chile. "This fruit is edible and sweet with no ill flavor. These are dried in the sun to make them harder, as taken ripe from the tree they baffle description, the skin slides at touch, revealing a viscous, slimy, ropy, mucous, soapy-mucilaginous jelly, elastic, stringy, and has ways of its own unexampled. It soon dries and shows other qualities. This material may be valuable. It reminds one of rubber when dried." (Husbands.) For distribution later.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

CHINESE TURKESTAN. Chuguchak. Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer, reports May 10, that he has reached this place in safety, and is now only eight days from the Siberian railway at Omsk. He is within reach of a custom house, telegraph station, and prompter mail service, and is preparing to go into the Altai Mountains at once. He will go by way of